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1. REFS A THROUGH C DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF ASSURING CONTINUED
AVAILABILITY OF WATER AND FUEL BARGES IN MOMBASA UPON
CLOSURE OF ROYAL NAVY LIAISON OFFICE. REF D REQUESTED
CINCPACFLT TO TAKE MATTER FOR ACTION.

2. ROYAL NAVY LIAISON OFFICER IN MOMBASA INFORMED
EMBASSY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMATION ON JULY 27
THAT SHELL-BP, THE OPERATOR OF THE FUELING PIER AT
MOMBASA, HAS AGREED TO PURCHASE FUEL BARGE AND TO CONTINUE TO
MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO NAVAL OR MERCHANT SHIPS
THAT NEED TO FUEL IN THE STREAM. ONLY CHANGE FROM PAST
PRACTICE IS THAT BARGE WILL BE USED BOTH FOR MARINE
DIESEL AND HEAVY OIL, RATHER THAN MARINE DIESEL
EXCLUSIVELY. IN PRACTICE, THIS WILL MEAN THAT ADVANCE
NOTICE OF A FEW DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE BARGE
IF IT MUST BE EMPTIED OF HEAVY OIL, CLEANED, AND REFILLED
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WITH MARINE DIESEL. ROYAL NAVY LIAISON OFFICER

PRONOUNCED HIMSELF VERY SATISFIED WITH THIS SOLUTION WHICH MEETS RN NEEDS, AND HE ASSUMED IT WOULD ALSO BE GOOD SOLUTION FOR USN. EMBASSY CONCURS IN THIS ASSESSMENT, SINCE BARGE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE WITHOUT INCURRING ADMINISTRATIVE HEADACHES OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING IT.

3. WATER BARGE HAS BEEN SOLD AND WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM MOMBASA. USN SHIPS WILL HENCEFORTH HAVE TO USE HARBORS CORP. BARGE AND/OR MAKE THEIR OWN WATER. LINDSTROM

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